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SUBJECT: IMCO CONF. ON CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE
 BY SEA - CONCLUSION

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1. FOLLOWING DEBATE ON ARTICLES NOT APPROVED DURING FIRST WEEK, CONF. ADOPTED CONVENTION AS WHOLE DEC. 12 BY VOTE OF 22-0-6 (U.S., CANADA, AUSTRALIA; NORAY, FRANCE AND ITALY). U.S. REP GAVE BRIEF STATEMENT EXPLAINING ABSTENTION AND EMPHASIZING DISAPPOINTMENT IN CONF'S FAILURE TO REVERSE TRADITIONAL BIAS IN CARRIERS' FAVOR AND ADOPT MODERN AND EQUITABLE CONVENTION OF WIDE ACCEPTABILITY. CANADIAN AND FRENCH DELS MADE SIMILAR STATEMENTS. NORWEGIAN ABSTENTION A MYSTERY TO ALL. U.K. HAD TOLD SEVERAL DELS IT WOULD ABSTAIN BUT IN FACT VOTED FOR. FINAL ACT SIGNED, WITH APPROPRIATE EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION TO GOV. OF GREECE, PM DEC 13.

2. CONF. FAILED TO ADOPT PROVISION IN CONV. PERMITTING RAPID AMENDMENT OF GOLD CLAUSE IN EVENT OR CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL
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MONETARY SYSTEM. AFTER PONDERING OVERNIGHT WHAT SOME DELS,

INCLUDING U.S., TERMED THOUGHTLESS DECISION, CONF., AT URGING OF CHAIRMAN (MULLER, SWITZ.) RECONSIDERED MATTER AND EVENTUALLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION REQUESTING IMCO TO CONVENE A CONFERENCE, IF ASKED FOR BY THREE STATES, FOR PURPOSE OF SUBSTITUTING OTHER UNIT OF ACCOUNT THAN GOLD FRANC IN QTE ATHENS CONVENTION UNQTE.

3. QUESTION OF REP. OF VIETNAM'S CREDENTIALS RAISED UNEXPECTEDLY DURING CONSIDERATION OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE'S REPORT WHEN IMCO SYG READ LETTER FROM NORTH VIETNAM GOVT INSISTING RVN HAD NO RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE UNLESS PRG ALSO INVITED. RVN REP MADE APPROPRIATE REBUTTAL. US REP SUPPORTED, NOTING PRG NOT A STATE AND NOT ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONF. CANADA SUPPORTED U.S., WHILE USSR AND ALGERIA MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS DEPLORING RVN'S PRESENCE. DESPITE FLURRY, CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE'S REPORT ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

4. NO DEL EXPECTS CONV. TO BE RATIFIED BY ANY GOVT (EXCEPT BY OVERSIGHT) UNTIL AT LEAST 1976 WHEN REVISION OF 1957 BRUSSELS CONV. MAY BE COMPLETED.
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